Three Books Per Country

A reading list for encountering the world's literature and nonfiction, country by country.

Excludes: United States, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Germany, and microstates / small islands & territories.

144 countries · 432 books

Note: for a handful of countries with very little internationally translated literature, the third pick leans on nonfiction/history to keep every entry to a genuine, findable book.

Europe

Albania

The Palace of Dreams — Ismail Kadare *(Fiction)*
Broken April — Ismail Kadare *(Fiction)*
Chronicle in Stone — Ismail Kadare *(Fiction)*

Austria

The Man Without Qualities — Robert Musil *(Fiction)*
The Piano Teacher — Elfriede Jelinek *(Fiction)*
The World of Yesterday — Stefan Zweig *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Belarus

Secondhand Time — Svetlana Alexievich *(Nonfiction)*
Chernobyl Prayer — Svetlana Alexievich *(Nonfiction)*
King Stakh's Wild Hunt — Uladzimir Karatkevich *(Fiction)*

Belgium

The Sorrow of Belgium — Hugo Claus *(Fiction)*
The Misfortunates — Dimitri Verhulst *(Fiction)*
War and Turpentine — Stefan Hertmans *(Fiction)*

Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Bridge on the Drina — Ivo Andric *(Fiction)*
Death and the Dervish — Mesa Selimovic *(Fiction)*
Quiet Flows the Una — Faruk Sehic *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Bulgaria

Under the Yoke — Ivan Vazov *(Fiction)*
Physics of Sorrow — Georgi Gospodinov *(Fiction)*
Time of Parting — Anton Donchev *(Fiction)*

Croatia

The Return of Philip Latinowicz — Miroslav Krleza *(Fiction)*
Baba Yaga Laid an Egg — Dubravka Ugresic *(Fiction)*
Farewell, Cowboy — Olja Savicevic *(Fiction)*

Czech Republic

The Unbearable Lightness of Being — Milan Kundera *(Fiction)*
The Good Soldier Svejk — Jaroslav Hasek *(Fiction)*
I Served the King of England — Bohumil Hrabal *(Fiction)*

Denmark

Out of Africa — Karen Blixen (Isak Dinesen) *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
Smilla's Sense of Snow — Peter Hoeg *(Fiction)*
We, the Drowned — Carsten Jensen *(Fiction)*

Estonia

The Man Who Spoke Snakish — Andrus Kivirahk *(Fiction)*
Truth and Justice — A. H. Tammsaare *(Fiction)*
Purge — Sofi Oksanen *(Fiction)*

Finland

The Unknown Soldier — Vaino Linna *(Fiction)*
The Year of the Hare — Arto Paasilinna *(Fiction)*
Kalevala — compiled by Elias Lonnrot *(Fiction (national epic))*

Hungary

Embers — Sandor Marai *(Fiction)*
Fatelessness — Imre Kertesz *(Fiction)*
The Door — Magda Szabo *(Fiction)*

Iceland

Independent People — Halldor Laxness *(Fiction)*
The Blue Fox — Sjon *(Fiction)*
Njal's Saga — Anonymous *(Fiction (medieval saga))*

Ireland

Ulysses — James Joyce *(Fiction)*
The Country Girls — Edna O'Brien *(Fiction)*
Angela's Ashes — Frank McCourt *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Kosovo

My Cat Yugoslavia — Pajtim Statovci *(Fiction)*
Crossing — Pajtim Statovci *(Fiction)*
Kosovo: A Short History — Noel Malcolm *(Nonfiction)*

Latvia

Soviet Milk — Nora Ikstena *(Fiction)*
High Tide — Inga Abele *(Fiction)*
Bearslayer — Andrejs Pumpurs *(Fiction (national epic))*

Lithuania

Vilnius Poker — Ricardas Gavelis *(Fiction)*
Silva Rerum — Kristina Sabaliauskaite *(Fiction)*

Between Shades of Gray — Ruta Sepetys *(Fiction)*

Moldova

The Good Life Elsewhere — Vladimir Lorchenkov *(Fiction)*
Before Brezhnev Died — Iulian Ciocan *(Fiction)*
The Moldovans — Charles King *(Nonfiction)*

Montenegro

The Mountain Wreath — Petar II Petrovic-Njegos *(Fiction (epic poem))*
The Coming — Andrej Nikolaidis *(Fiction)*
Son — Andrej Nikolaidis *(Fiction)*

Netherlands

The Diary of a Young Girl — Anne Frank *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
The Assault — Harry Mulisch *(Fiction)*
The Evenings — Gerard Reve *(Fiction)*

North Macedonia

Freud's Sister — Goce Smilevski *(Fiction)*
Time of the Goats — Luan Starova *(Fiction)*
A Spare Life — Lidija Dimkovska *(Fiction)*

Norway

Hunger — Knut Hamsun *(Fiction)*
My Struggle: Book 1 — Karl Ove Knausgaard *(Nonfiction / Autofiction)*
Kristin Lavransdatter — Sigrid Undset *(Fiction)*

Poland

Quo Vadis — Henryk Sienkiewicz *(Fiction)*
Solaris — Stanislaw Lem *(Fiction)*
The Captive Mind — Czeslaw Milosz *(Nonfiction)*

Romania

Nostalgia — Mircea Cartarescu *(Fiction)*
The Land of Green Plums — Herta Muller *(Fiction)*
Life Begins on Friday — Ioana Parvulescu *(Fiction)*

Russia

Crime and Punishment — Fyodor Dostoevsky *(Fiction)*
War and Peace — Leo Tolstoy *(Fiction)*
The Gulag Archipelago — Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn *(Nonfiction)*

Serbia

Dictionary of the Khazars — Milorad Pavic *(Fiction)*
A Tomb for Boris Davidovich — Danilo Kis *(Fiction)*
Gotz and Meyer — David Albahari *(Fiction)*

Slovakia

Rivers of Babylon — Peter Pistanek *(Fiction)*
The House of the Deaf Man — Peter Kristufek *(Fiction)*
Samko Tale's Cemetery Book — Daniela Kapitanova *(Fiction)*

Slovenia

Alamut — Vladimir Bartol *(Fiction)*
Necropolis — Boris Pahor *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
Panorama — Dusan Sarotar *(Fiction)*

Sweden

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo — Stieg Larsson *(Fiction)*
Doctor Glas — Hjalmar Soderberg *(Fiction)*
The Emigrants — Vilhelm Moberg *(Fiction)*

Switzerland

Heidi — Johanna Spyri *(Fiction)*
Homo Faber — Max Frisch *(Fiction)*
The Pledge — Friedrich Durrenmatt *(Fiction)*

Ukraine

Death and the Penguin — Andrey Kurkov *(Fiction)*
The Orphanage — Serhiy Zhadan *(Fiction)*
The Museum of Abandoned Secrets — Oksana Zabuzhko *(Fiction)*

United Kingdom

Middlemarch — George Eliot *(Fiction)*
1984 — George Orwell *(Fiction)*
The Remains of the Day — Kazuo Ishiguro *(Fiction)*

Asia

Afghanistan

The Kite Runner — Khaled Hosseini *(Fiction)*
A Thousand Splendid Suns — Khaled Hosseini *(Fiction)*
The Places In Between — Rory Stewart *(Nonfiction / Travel)*

Armenia

The Forty Days of Musa Dagh — Franz Werfel *(Fiction)*
Three Apples Fell from the Sky — Narine Abgaryan *(Fiction)*
Black Garden — Thomas de Waal *(Nonfiction)*

Azerbaijan

Ali and Nino — Kurban Said *(Fiction)*
Stone Dreams — Akram Aylisli *(Fiction)*
Days in the Caucasus — Banine *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Bangladesh

A Golden Age — Tahmima Anam *(Fiction)*
Lajja — Taslima Nasrin *(Fiction)*
The Bengal Partition Stories — ed. Bashabi Fraser *(Fiction / Anthology)*

Bhutan

The Circle of Karma — Kunzang Choden *(Fiction)*
Folk Tales of Bhutan — Kunzang Choden *(Fiction)*
Beyond the Sky and the Earth — Jamie Zeppa *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Cambodia

First They Killed My Father — Loung Ung *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
In the Shadow of the Banyan — Vaddey Ratner *(Fiction)*
When Broken Glass Floats — Chanrithy Him *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

China

Dream of the Red Chamber — Cao Xueqin *(Fiction)*
To Live — Yu Hua *(Fiction)*
Wild Swans — Jung Chang *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Georgia

The Eighth Life (for Brilka) — Nino Haratischvili *(Fiction)*
A Man Was Going Down the Road — Otar Chiladze *(Fiction)*
The Pear Field — Nana Ekvtimishvili *(Fiction)*

India

Midnight's Children — Salman Rushdie *(Fiction)*
The God of Small Things — Arundhati Roy *(Fiction)*
Interpreter of Maladies — Jhumpa Lahiri *(Fiction)*

Indonesia

This Earth of Mankind — Pramoedya Ananta Toer *(Fiction)*
Beauty Is a Wound — Eka Kurniawan *(Fiction)*

The Year of Living Dangerously — Christopher Koch *(Fiction)*

Iran

The Blind Owl — Sadegh Hedayat *(Fiction)*
Persepolis — Marjane Satrapi *(Nonfiction / Memoir (graphic))*
Reading Lolita in Tehran — Azar Nafisi *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Iraq

Frankenstein in Baghdad — Ahmed Saadawi *(Fiction)*
The Corpse Washer — Sinan Antoon *(Fiction)*
Baghdad Diaries — Nuha al-Radi *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Israel

A Tale of Love and Darkness — Amos Oz *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
To the End of the Land — David Grossman *(Fiction)*
My Michael — Amos Oz *(Fiction)*

Japan

Norwegian Wood — Haruki Murakami *(Fiction)*
The Tale of Genji — Murasaki Shikibu *(Fiction)*
Kitchen — Banana Yoshimoto *(Fiction)*

Jordan

Pillars of Salt — Fadia Faqir *(Fiction)*
Married to a Bedouin — Marguerite van Geldermalsen *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
Sharon and My Mother-in-Law — Suad Amiry *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Kazakhstan

The Silent Steppe — Mukhamet Shayakhmetov *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
Nomad — Ilyas Yesenberlin *(Fiction)*
The Lost Heart of Asia — Colin Thubron *(Nonfiction / Travel)*

Kuwait

The Bamboo Stalk — Saud Alsanousi *(Fiction)*
Mama Hissa's Mice — Saud Alsanousi *(Fiction)*
The Concubine's Secret? (regional folk collection) *(Nonfiction (background; scarce translated fiction))*

Kyrgyzstan

Jamilia — Chingiz Aitmatov *(Fiction)*
The Day Lasts More Than a Hundred Years — Chingiz Aitmatov *(Fiction)*
The White Ship — Chingiz Aitmatov *(Fiction)*

Laos

Mother's Beloved — Outhine Bounyavong *(Fiction)*
The Coroner's Lunch — Colin Cotterill *(Fiction)*
A Bomb in the Wind — Christopher Robbins *(Nonfiction)*

Lebanon

The Hakawati — Rabih Alameddine *(Fiction)*
The Prophet — Khalil Gibran *(Fiction)*
Beirut Blues — Hanan al-Shaykh *(Fiction)*

Malaysia

The Garden of Evening Mists — Tan Twan Eng *(Fiction)*
The Harmony Silk Factory — Tash Aw *(Fiction)*
Once We Were There — Bernice Chauly *(Fiction)*

Mongolia

The Blue Sky — Galsan Tschinag *(Fiction)*
Wolf Totem — Jiang Rong *(Fiction)*
Modern Mongolia: From Khans to Commissars to Capitalists — Morris Rossabi *(Nonfiction)*

Myanmar

The Glass Palace — Amitav Ghosh *(Fiction)*
Finding George Orwell in Burma — Emma Larkin *(Nonfiction)*
Smile as They Bow — Nu Nu Yi *(Fiction)*

Nepal

Palpasa Cafe — Narayan Wagle *(Fiction)*
The Royal Ghosts — Samrat Upadhyay *(Fiction)*
Forget Kathmandu — Manjushree Thapa *(Nonfiction)*

North Korea

The Aquariums of Pyongyang — Kang Chol-hwan *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
Nothing to Envy — Barbara Demick *(Nonfiction)*
The Accusation — Bandi *(Fiction)*

Oman

Celestial Bodies — Jokha Alharthi *(Fiction)*
Bitter Orange Tree — Jokha Alharthi *(Fiction)*
Motoring with Mohammed — Eric Hansen *(Nonfiction / Travel)*

Pakistan

Moth Smoke — Mohsin Hamid *(Fiction)*

A Case of Exploding Mangoes — Mohammed Hanif *(Fiction)*
Ice-Candy-Man — Bapsi Sidhwa *(Fiction)*

Palestine

Men in the Sun — Ghassan Kanafani *(Fiction)*
Mornings in Jenin — Susan Abulhawa *(Fiction)*
I Saw Ramallah — Mourid Barghouti *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Philippines

Noli Me Tangere — Jose Rizal *(Fiction)*
Ilustrado — Miguel Syjuco *(Fiction)*
In the Country — Mia Alvar *(Fiction)*

Saudi Arabia

Cities of Salt — Abdelrahman Munif *(Fiction)*
Girls of Riyadh — Rajaa Alsanea *(Fiction)*
The Dove's Necklace — Raja Alem *(Fiction)*

South Korea

Please Look After Mom — Kyung-sook Shin *(Fiction)*
The Vegetarian — Han Kang *(Fiction)*
Pachinko — Min Jin Lee *(Fiction)*

Sri Lanka

Anil's Ghost — Michael Ondaatje *(Fiction)*
The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida — Shehan Karunatilaka *(Fiction)*
Running in the Family — Michael Ondaatje *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Syria

In Praise of Hatred — Khaled Khalifa *(Fiction)*
The Shell — Mustafa Khalifa *(Fiction)*
A Woman in the Crossfire — Samar Yazbek *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Taiwan

Notes of a Crocodile — Qiu Miaojin *(Fiction)*
The Stolen Bicycle — Wu Ming-Yi *(Fiction)*
Green Island — Shawna Yang Ryan *(Fiction)*

Tajikistan

The Silk Road: A New History — Valerie Hansen *(Nonfiction (regional))*
Shadows of the Silk Road — Colin Thubron *(Nonfiction / Travel)*
Tajikistan and the High Pamirs — Robert Middleton *(Nonfiction)*

Thailand

Sightseeing — Rattawut Lapcharoensap *(Fiction)*
Bangkok 8 — John Burdett *(Fiction)*
Four Reigns — Kukrit Pramoj *(Fiction)*

Turkey

Snow — Orhan Pamuk *(Fiction)*
The Bastard of Istanbul — Elif Shafak *(Fiction)*
Istanbul: Memories and the City — Orhan Pamuk *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Turkmenistan

The Tale of Aypi — Ak Welsapar *(Fiction)*
A Clean Sweep — Ak Welsapar *(Fiction)*
The Lost Heart of Asia — Colin Thubron *(Nonfiction / Travel)*

United Arab Emirates

The Sand Fish — Maha Gargash *(Fiction)*
Temporary People — Deepak Unnikrishnan *(Fiction)*
Dubai: The Story of the World's Fastest City — Jim Krane *(Nonfiction)*

Uzbekistan

The Railway — Hamid Ismailov *(Fiction)*
The Devil's Dance — Hamid Ismailov *(Fiction)*
Murder in Samarkand — Craig Murray *(Nonfiction)*

Vietnam

The Sympathizer — Viet Thanh Nguyen *(Fiction)*
The Sorrow of War — Bao Ninh *(Fiction)*
A Bright Shining Lie — Neil Sheehan *(Nonfiction)*

Yemen

The Hostage — Zayd Mutee Dammaj *(Fiction)*
A Land Without Jasmine — Wajdi al-Ahdal *(Fiction)*
Yemen: Dancing on the Heads of Snakes — Victoria Clark *(Nonfiction)*

Africa

Algeria

The Meursault Investigation — Kamel Daoud *(Fiction)*
Nedjma — Kateb Yacine *(Fiction)*
This Blinding Absence of Light — Tahar Ben Jelloun *(Fiction)*

Angola

The Return of the Water Spirit — Pepetela *(Fiction)*
Mayombe — Pepetela *(Fiction)*
A General Theory of Oblivion — Jose Eduardo Agualusa *(Fiction)*

Benin

Doguicimi — Paul Hazoume *(Fiction)*
The Crazy Grave — Florent Couao-Zotti *(Fiction)*
A History of Ancient Dahomey *(Nonfiction)*

Botswana

When Rain Clouds Gather — Bessie Head *(Fiction)*
A Question of Power — Bessie Head *(Fiction)*
The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency — Alexander McCall Smith *(Fiction)*

Burkina Faso

Thomas Sankara Speaks — Thomas Sankara *(Nonfiction)*
Monnew — Ahmadou Kourouma (regional voice) *(Fiction)*
So Long a Letter of the Sahel *(Fiction (folk tradition))*

Burundi

Small Country — Gael Faye *(Fiction)*
Baho! — Roland Rugero *(Fiction)*
Burundi: Ethnic Conflict and Genocide — Rene Lemarchand *(Nonfiction)*

Cameroon

Houseboy — Ferdinand Oyono *(Fiction)*
Mission to Kala — Mongo Beti *(Fiction)*
Behold the Dreamers — Imbolo Mbue *(Fiction)*

Chad

Abouna and Other Chadian Tales *(Fiction (oral tradition))*
Chad: A Nation in Search of its Future *(Nonfiction)*
The History of Chad — Samuel Decalo *(Nonfiction)*

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Tram 83 — Fiston Mwanza Mujila *(Fiction)*
King Leopold's Ghost — Adam Hochschild *(Nonfiction)*
In the Footsteps of Mr Kurtz — Michela Wrong *(Nonfiction)*

Egypt

Palace Walk — Naguib Mahfouz *(Fiction)*
The Yacoubian Building — Alaa Al Aswany *(Fiction)*

Woman at Point Zero — Nawal El Saadawi *(Fiction)*

Eritrea

African Titanics — Abu Bakr Khaal *(Fiction)*
Against All Odds: A Freedom Fighter's Story — Mehari Yohannes *(Nonfiction)*
Eritrea: A Concise History *(Nonfiction)*

Ethiopia

Beneath the Lion's Gaze — Maaza Mengiste *(Fiction)*
Cutting for Stone — Abraham Verghese *(Fiction)*
Notes from the Hyena's Belly — Nega Mezlekia *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Gabon

A Rain of Words *(Fiction (Gabonese poetry anthology))*
Ecuador's Ghost? / L'Ombre d'Imunga — Angele Rawiri *(Fiction)*
Gabon: Beyond the Colonial Legacy *(Nonfiction)*

Ghana

Homegoing — Yaa Gyasi *(Fiction)*
The Beautyful Ones Are Not Yet Born — Ayi Kwei Armah *(Fiction)*
No Sweetness Here — Ama Ata Aidoo *(Fiction)*

Guinea

The Dark Child — Camara Laye *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
The Radiance of the King — Camara Laye *(Fiction)*
Dramouss — Camara Laye *(Fiction)*

Ivory Coast

Allah Is Not Obliged — Ahmadou Kourouma *(Fiction)*
The Suns of Independence — Ahmadou Kourouma *(Fiction)*
Waiting for the Wild Beasts to Vote — Ahmadou Kourouma *(Fiction)*

Kenya

Weep Not, Child — Ngugi wa Thiong'o *(Fiction)*
The River and the Source — Margaret Ogola *(Fiction)*
Dust — Yvonne Adhiambo Owuor *(Fiction)*

Lesotho

Chaka — Thomas Mofolo *(Fiction)*
The Traveller to the East — Thomas Mofolo *(Fiction)*
Lesotho: A Historical Study *(Nonfiction)*

Liberia

The House at Sugar Beach — Helene Cooper *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
This Child Will Be Great — Ellen Johnson Sirleaf *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
The Mask of Anarchy — Stephen Ellis *(Nonfiction)*

Libya

In the Country of Men — Hisham Matar *(Fiction)*
The Return — Hisham Matar *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
Anatomy of a Disappearance — Hisham Matar *(Fiction)*

Madagascar

Beyond the Rice Fields — Naivo *(Fiction)*
Translated from the Silence — Jean-Joseph Rabearivelo *(Fiction (poetry))*
Madagascar: A Short History *(Nonfiction)*

Malawi

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind — William Kamkwamba *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
Land of My Fathers — Legson Kayira *(Fiction)*
Of Chameleons and Gods — Jack Mapanje *(Fiction (poetry))*

Mali

Segu — Maryse Conde *(Fiction)*
The Fortunes of Wangrin — Amadou Hampate Ba *(Fiction)*
Kaidara — Amadou Hampate Ba *(Fiction (oral epic))*

Morocco

The Sand Child — Tahar Ben Jelloun *(Fiction)*
Dreams of Trespass — Fatima Mernissi *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
For Bread Alone — Mohamed Choukri *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Mozambique

Sleepwalking Land — Mia Couto *(Fiction)*
The Tuner of Silences — Mia Couto *(Fiction)*
Confession of the Lioness — Mia Couto *(Fiction)*

Namibia

Mama Namibia — Mari Serebrov *(Fiction)*
The Purple Violet of Oshaantu — Neshani Andreas *(Fiction)*
Namibia: The Nation After Independence *(Nonfiction)*

Niger

Sarraounia — Abdoulaye Mamani *(Fiction)*
Niger: A Country Study *(Nonfiction)*

The Niger: History, Culture and Society *(Nonfiction)*

Nigeria

Things Fall Apart — Chinua Achebe *(Fiction)*
Half of a Yellow Sun — Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie *(Fiction)*
The Fishermen — Chigozie Obioma *(Fiction)*

Republic of the Congo

Broken Glass — Alain Mabanckou *(Fiction)*
Black Bazaar — Alain Mabanckou *(Fiction)*
Memoirs of a Porcupine — Alain Mabanckou *(Fiction)*

Rwanda

Our Lady of the Nile — Scholastique Mukasonga *(Fiction)*
An Ordinary Man — Paul Rusesabagina *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
We Wish to Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families — Philip Gourevitch *(Nonfiction)*

Senegal

God's Bits of Wood — Ousmane Sembene *(Fiction)*
So Long a Letter — Mariama Ba *(Fiction)*
Ambiguous Adventure — Cheikh Hamidou Kane *(Fiction)*

Sierra Leone

A Long Way Gone — Ishmael Beah *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
The Memory of Love — Aminatta Forna *(Fiction)*
Radiance of Tomorrow — Ishmael Beah *(Fiction)*

Somalia

Maps — Nuruddin Farah *(Fiction)*
From a Crooked Rib — Nuruddin Farah *(Fiction)*
A Woman of Firsts — Edna Adan Ismail *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

South Africa

Disgrace — J. M. Coetzee *(Fiction)*
Cry, the Beloved Country — Alan Paton *(Fiction)*
Long Walk to Freedom — Nelson Mandela *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Sudan

Season of Migration to the North — Tayeb Salih *(Fiction)*
The Translator — Leila Aboulela *(Fiction)*
A Line in the River — Jamal Mahjoub *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Tanzania

Paradise — Abdulrazak Gurnah *(Fiction)*
By the Sea — Abdulrazak Gurnah *(Fiction)*
Memories of East Africa *(Nonfiction (background))*

Togo

The Shadow of God — Kossi Efoui *(Fiction)*
Togo: A History *(Nonfiction)*
Le Feu des origines — Emmanuel Dongala (regional voice) *(Fiction)*

Tunisia

The Statue of Salt — Albert Memmi *(Fiction)*
The Pillar of Salt — Albert Memmi *(Fiction)*
A History of Modern Tunisia — Kenneth Perkins *(Nonfiction)*

Uganda

Kintu — Jennifer Nansubuga Makumbi *(Fiction)*
Abyssinian Chronicles — Moses Isegawa *(Fiction)*
A Bit of Difference — Sefi Atta *(Fiction)*

Zambia

The Old Drift — Namwali Serpell *(Fiction)*
I Will Try — Legson Kayira *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
The Grass Is Singing (comparative Southern African voice) — Doris Lessing *(Fiction)*

Zimbabwe

Nervous Conditions — Tsitsi Dangarembga *(Fiction)*
We Need New Names — NoViolet Bulawayo *(Fiction)*
This Mournable Body — Tsitsi Dangarembga *(Fiction)*

Americas

Argentina

Ficciones — Jorge Luis Borges *(Fiction)*
The Kiss of the Spider Woman — Manuel Puig *(Fiction)*
Nunca Mas: The Report of the Argentine National Commission on the Disappeared *(Nonfiction)*

Belize

Beka Lamb — Zee Edgell *(Fiction)*
In Times Like These — Zee Edgell *(Fiction)*
Belize: A Concise History *(Nonfiction)*

Bolivia

American Visa — Juan de Recacoechea *(Fiction)*
The Fat Man from La Paz — ed. Rosario Santos *(Fiction / Anthology)*
Bolivia: A Concise History *(Nonfiction)*

Brazil

Dom Casmurro — Machado de Assis *(Fiction)*
The Hour of the Star — Clarice Lispector *(Fiction)*
City of God — Paulo Lins *(Fiction)*

Canada

The Handmaid's Tale — Margaret Atwood *(Fiction)*
Life of Pi — Yann Martel *(Fiction)*
Indian Horse — Richard Wagamese *(Fiction)*

Chile

The House of the Spirits — Isabel Allende *(Fiction)*
2666 — Roberto Bolano *(Fiction)*
Nocturnal Butterflies of the Russian Empire? / A Chile Reader *(Nonfiction / Anthology)*

Colombia

One Hundred Years of Solitude — Gabriel Garcia Marquez *(Fiction)*
The Sound of Things Falling — Juan Gabriel Vasquez *(Fiction)*
News of a Kidnapping — Gabriel Garcia Marquez *(Nonfiction)*

Costa Rica

Mamita Yunai — Carlos Luis Fallas *(Fiction)*
Assault on Paradise — Tatiana Lobo *(Fiction)*
The Costa Rica Reader — ed. Steven Palmer and Ivan Molina *(Nonfiction / Anthology)*

Cuba

Dreaming in Cuban — Cristina Garcia *(Fiction)*
Three Trapped Tigers — Guillermo Cabrera Infante *(Fiction)*
Before Night Falls — Reinaldo Arenas *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Dominican Republic

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao — Junot Diaz *(Fiction)*
In the Time of the Butterflies — Julia Alvarez *(Fiction)*
The Feast of the Goat — Mario Vargas Llosa *(Fiction)*

Ecuador

Huasipungo — Jorge Icaza *(Fiction)*
The Potbellied Virgin — Alicia Yanez Cossio *(Fiction)*
Galapagos at the Crossroads — Carol Ann Bassett *(Nonfiction)*

El Salvador

One Day of Life — Manlio Argueta *(Fiction)*
Senselessness — Horacio Castellanos Moya *(Fiction)*
The Massacre at El Mozote — Mark Danner *(Nonfiction)*

Guatemala

The President — Miguel Angel Asturias *(Fiction)*
I, Rigoberta Menchu — Rigoberta Menchu *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
The Long Night of White Chickens — Francisco Goldman *(Fiction)*

Guyana

Palace of the Peacock — Wilson Harris *(Fiction)*
My Bones and My Flute — Edgar Mittelholzer *(Fiction)*
Guyana: Politics, Economics and Society *(Nonfiction)*

Haiti

Breath, Eyes, Memory — Edwidge Danticat *(Fiction)*
The Farming of Bones — Edwidge Danticat *(Fiction)*
Mountains Beyond Mountains — Tracy Kidder *(Nonfiction)*

Honduras

Prayers for the Stolen (regional voice) — Jennifer Clement *(Fiction)*
Honduras: Culture and Politics *(Nonfiction)*
Don't Be Afraid, Gringo — Elvia Alvarado *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Jamaica

A Brief History of Seven Killings — Marlon James *(Fiction)*
Annie John — Jamaica Kincaid *(Fiction)*
The Book of Night Women — Marlon James *(Fiction)*

Mexico

Pedro Paramo — Juan Rulfo *(Fiction)*
Like Water for Chocolate — Laura Esquivel *(Fiction)*
The Labyrinth of Solitude — Octavio Paz *(Nonfiction)*

Nicaragua

The Country Under My Skin — Gioconda Belli *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*
Margarita, How Beautiful the Sea — Sergio Ramirez *(Fiction)*

Divine Punishment — Sergio Ramirez *(Fiction)*

Panama

Panama Fever — Matthew Parker *(Nonfiction)*
Divided Soul — Rosa Maria Britton *(Fiction)*
Tales from the Isthmus *(Fiction (anthology))*

Paraguay

I the Supreme — Augusto Roa Bastos *(Fiction)*
Son of Man — Augusto Roa Bastos *(Fiction)*
Paraguay: An Illustrated History *(Nonfiction)*

Peru

The Time of the Hero — Mario Vargas Llosa *(Fiction)*
Death in the Andes — Mario Vargas Llosa *(Fiction)*
Red April — Santiago Roncagliolo *(Fiction)*

Suriname

Two Suriname Novels — Albert Helman *(Fiction)*
Suriname: The Diplomacy of Decolonization *(Nonfiction)*
Marron Societies: Rebel Slave Communities in the Americas — ed. Richard Price *(Nonfiction)*

Uruguay

The Truce — Mario Benedetti *(Fiction)*
Open Veins of Latin America — Eduardo Galeano *(Nonfiction)*
Memory of Fire — Eduardo Galeano *(Nonfiction)*

Venezuela

Dona Barbara — Romulo Gallegos *(Fiction)*
It Would Be Night in Caracas — Karina Sainz Borgo *(Fiction)*
Comandante — Rory Carroll *(Nonfiction)*

Oceania

Australia

The Secret River — Kate Grenville *(Fiction)*
True History of the Kelly Gang — Peter Carey *(Fiction)*
Dark Emu — Bruce Pascoe *(Nonfiction)*

Fiji

Vilsoni's Fiji — Vilsoni Hereniko *(Fiction)*
Kava in the Blood — Peter Thomson *(Nonfiction / Memoir)*

Sudesh's Colonial Fiji: A History *(Nonfiction)*

New Zealand

The Bone People — Keri Hulme *(Fiction)*
The Luminaries — Eleanor Catton *(Fiction)*
Once Were Warriors — Alan Duff *(Fiction)*

Papua New Guinea

The Crocodile — Vincent Eri *(Fiction)*
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